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MEETING HELD IN NEW DELHI ON COPYRIGHT PIRACY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to counter the rise in crimes of copyright piracy and infringement, a meeting of State officials was recently held in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions taken at the meeting?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Human Resource Development had requested all States and Union Territories (UTs) to create special cells in the police headquarters for effective enforcement of copyright laws. States and UT's were also requested to identify nodal officers in their administration to facilitate proper co-ordination between industry organizations and the enforcement agencies. A conference of such officers was convened on 12th June, 2001. The purpose of the conference was to provide an overview of the provisions of the Copyright Act and provide a fora for interaction with copyright industry organizations whose representatives were also invited. Presentations were made by experts on copyright law and on behalf of copyright industry organizations. There was broad consensus on strengthening of enforcement of copyrights.